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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13 of the Second Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend Mahailiah Hughes, Sumner County Criminal Court Clerk on her selection as the "Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee."

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is very fortunate to have many hard-working, competent and very dedicated public employees, who perform their duties without thought of personal recognition; and

WHEREAS, one of the best and brightest of those employees is Mahailiah Hughes, Sumner County Criminal Court Clerk, who for the second time in her exemplary 21-year tenure has been honored as the "Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee"; and

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous study of all applicants, the Court Clerk's Association names one of their members for this prestigious recognition. The congratulatory plaque that Ms. Hughes received reads: "The only reward of virtue, the only way to have a friend is to be one. You have been a true and trusted friend to all of us"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this 1999 honor, she was also honored by the association in 1987, the same year Mahailiah was named "Outstanding County Official"; and

WHEREAS, before Ms. Hughes' election as Sumner County's Criminal Clerk, she also served admirably as a deputy clerk for thirteen productive years; and

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WHEREAS, under Ms. Hughes' notable tenure the work load and responsibilities have dramatically increased, from having a judge every three months to having four full-time judges for Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the State expressed strong confidence in Ms. Hughes and her office's ability by letting Sumner County be the "test pilot" for the new computer program for county clerks; and

WHEREAS, her sage advice is widely sought by clerks from other counties and she is always willing to help whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughes has been very active in the Court Clerk's Association, having served with acumen as its president, and as president of the County Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, while Mahailiah is proud of her honors, she remains modest, saying that what she likes best about the job is helping people; "I have always tried to run my office the best I can. I have strived to have everything right"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we join in honoring Ms. Mahailiah Hughes for her good work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Ms. Mahailiah Hughes on being named the "Outstanding Court Clerk of Tennessee," expressing our deepest appreciation to her. We wish her much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.